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TAGS: PREF, PHUM, ICRC, IQ, AF, IS

SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S MEETING WITH ICRC PRESIDENT

KELLENBERGER: DETAINEES, IRAQ, AND MDA

REF: 03 GENEVA 3886

1. (U) CLASSIFIED BY: ARTHUR E. DEWEY, ASSISTANT
SECRETARY, PRM, DEPARTMENT OF STATE. REASONS 1.4 (B) AND
(D)

2. (U) THE MEETING TOOK PLACE ON JANUARY 15, 2004 AT
2:00 P.M. IN THE SECRETARY'S OFFICE.

3. (U) PARTICIPANTS:

U.S.

THE SECRETARY

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE
REVIEW AUTHORITY: ARCHIE M BOLSTER
CLASSIFICATION: CONFIDENTIAL REASON: 1.4(D)
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A/S ARTHUR E. DEWEY, PRM
CRAIG KELLY, S
JOANN DOLAN, L/PM
CARRIE SANTOS (PRM NOTETAKER)

ICRC
PRESIDENT JAKOB KELLENBERGER
BEATRICE MEGEVAND-ROGGO, DELEGATE GENERAL FOR EUROPE AND
THE AMERICAS
CHRISTOPHE GIROD, WASHINGTON HEAD OF DELEGATION

FRANK SIEVERTS, ASSISTANT TO WASHINGTON HEAD OF
DELEGATION

4. (C) SUMMARY. INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE RED
CROSS (ICRC) PRESIDENT KELLENBERGER RAISED ICRC CONCERNS
OVER DETENTION ISSUES IN GUANTANAMO BAY (GTMO),
AFGHANISTAN, AND IRAQ. HE ALSO BRIEFED THE SECRETARY ON
ICRC OPERATIONS IN IRAQ. THE SECRETARY THANKED HIM FOR
HIS EFFORTS TO SECURE MEMBERSHIP IN THE INTERNATIONAL RED
CROSS AND RED CRESCENT MOVEMENT FOR ISRAEL'S NATIONAL
SOCIETY, MAGEN DAVID ADOM (MDA). KELLENBERGER ALSO
RAISED ICRC'S EFFORTS ON BIOTECHNOLOGY. END SUMMARY.

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5. (C) KELLENBERGER OPENED THE MEETING WITH GTMO
DETENTION ISSUES, /

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6. (C) KELLENBERGER REFERRED TO LEGAL ADVISER TAFT'S OP-
ED IN THE FINANCIAL TIMES, DATED JANUARY 11, [REDACTED]

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7. (C) THE SECRETARY ASKED, WHERE IN ADDITION TO
AFGHANISTAN, DID ICRC HAVE PROBLEMS WITH NOTIFICATION AND
ACCESS TO DETAINEES. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] WE ARE TRYING TO MAKE THE PROCESS
MORE OPEN AND TRANSPARENT, AND MOVE PEOPLE OUT OR CHARGE
THEM. WE HOPE IN THE VERY NEAR FUTURE TO SEE A STEADY
FLOW OF PEOPLE RELEASED. BUT WE HAVE TO SATISFY
OURSELVES THAT THEY ARE NO LONGER DANGEROUS. WE ARE
CONFIDENT OF OUR LEGAL POSITION (REFERRING TO LEGAL
ADVISER TAFT'S OP ED), BUT WE ALSO KNOW THE WORLD IS
WATCHING US. THE WAR COULD GO A LONG TIME AND THERE WILL
BE SOME PEOPLE WE WILL HAVE TO DETAIN, THOSE WHO WOULD GO
BACK AND ATTACK AGAIN IF RELEASED. BUT THERE IS ANOTHER
POPULATION WE NEED TO RELEASE AND MOVE ON. THEN ISSUES
OF ISOLATION, INTERROGATION AND OTHER ISSUES WOULD THEN
BE RESOLVED FOR SIGNIFICANT NUMBERS.

10. (C) THE SECRETARY INDICATED THAT HE WOULD HAVE TO
TALK TO HIS COLLEAGUES ON ICRC'S ISSUE OF ACCESS TO
DETAINEES IN AFGHANISTAN AND ELSEWHERE. ICRC'S JANUARY 6
NOTE VERBALE ON AFGHANISTAN WAS REFERRED TO WITHOUT
FURTHER DISCUSSION.

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14. (C) KELLENBERGER RETURNED AGAIN TO THE SUBJECT OF
THE JANUARY 11 TAFT OP-ED

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POWELL ASSURED KELLENBERGER THAT HE WOULD SHARE THEIR
CONVERSATION WITH LA TAFT.

IRAQ

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[REDACTED]

16. (C) THE SECRETARY ASKED ABOUT ICRC'S ACCESS TO
DETAINEES IN IRAQ. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] THE SECRETARY APPRECIATED
THAT ICRC WAS WILLING TO BALANCE ITS SECURITY CONCERNS
WITH ITS NEED TO GET THE JOB DONE IN IRAQ.

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17. (C) THE SECRETARY THANKED KELLENBERGER FOR HIS
EFFORTS GETTING A POSITIVE RESOLUTION ON THE EMBLEM ISSUE
ADOPTED AT THE 28TH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF THE RED
CROSS AND RED CRESCENT IN DECEMBER (SEE REFTEL). THE
SECRETARY POINTED OUT THAT WE STILL HAVE A WAYS TO GO ON
THE ISSUE, BUT APPRECIATED KELLENBERGER'S "BRILLIANT,
GREAT WORK." [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] THE
SECRETARY RESPONDED THAT KELLENBERGER WAS KEEPING HIS
PROMISE.

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[REDACTED] THE SECRETARY SAID THAT HE
WOULD ASK U/S BOLTON ABOUT IT.

MINIMIZE CONSIDERED
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